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Re: Sites Connected with Steve Martell,
Including Midco I and Midco II in
Northeast, Illinois and Northwest Indiana

M.S. SWALES
Dear Mr. DeVuono:

This letter is in response to a Request for Information sent out to this Corporation under the signature of Basil G. Constantelos of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

As you already are undoubtedly aware U. S. Steel on behalf of U. S. Steel Supply and the former U. S. Steel Products Division has negotiated with and participated with the U. S. EPA in the remediation of Midco I and Midco II sites under a Consent Decree involving various PRP's. I understand that documentation similar to that recently requested was provided by U. S. Steel on August 4, 1983, regarding its dealings with Steve Martell and the Midco sites. I understand that documentation included a blanket order placed with Midco in 1977 and invoices and related documents concerning shipments under that blanket order. The material disposed of under the blanket order was apparently comprised of paint overspray cleaned from a production spray booth, scrap paint, and clean-up solvent. Typically the solvents could have been xylol, methyl ethyl ketone, and butanol; the paints would have been alkyds, epoxy-phenolics, phenolics, and polyesters.

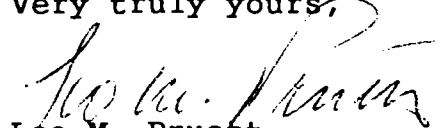
I note that your most recent request for information contains a greatly expanded list of business organizations and sites believed to be related to Steve Martell. U. S. Steel has expended considerable time and effort in reseaching both the sites and business organizations to which you refer. I enclose what I believe to be additional documentation of the same

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matters previously disclosed to the EPA in 1983. The new documentation was generated as a result of the wider scope of business organizations and sites listed in your request for information.

In view of the materials furnished first in 1983, and the considerable effort just undertaken by the Corporation to locate responsive documents, I believe it now would be appropriate that USX be furnished with copies of all documents the government possesses concerning any dealings by USX (formerly United States Steel Corporation) with any of the Midco or Steve Martell sites or business organizations. This request for documents by USX will enable the Corporation to evaluate the document searches to date and possibly disclose other avenues of search for responsive documentation. Further, such information would allow USX to more fully evaluate its position in this matter. I would appreciate the requested documents to be sent to my attention. If you have any questions, please call me at (412) 433-2838.

Very truly yours,



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